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SUBJ: GREEK COUP

REF: A) USUN 2492 AND B) USUN 2506

1. WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN STALLING OVER PAST 48 HOURS OVERWHELMING SC DISPOSITION TO BLAME GREEKS PUBLICLY FOR RESPONSIBILITY IN CYPRUS COUP. BUT SATURDAY ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL BE DECISION TIME FOR VARIOUS VERSIONS OF AN SC RES PUSHED SEPARATELY BY NON-ALIGNED, SOVIETS, AND BRITISH, CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL OF GREEK OFFICERS IN CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD AND BLAMING GREEKS FOR MILITARY INTERVENTION ON ISLAND.

2. AFTER LOOKING OVER ASSORTED AMENDMENTS WHICH STAND ANY REASONABLE CHANCE OF ATTRACTING NECESSARY BACKING, IT SEEMS TO US THAT BRITISH VERSION, FLOATED TO NIGHT, WOULD BE LEAST OBJECTIVE. (SEE REFTEL B) IT ELIMINATES DIRECT DENUNCIATION OF GREEK GOVT, DEMANDED BY SOVIETS AND INSTEAD OF REQUESTING "IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL," PROPOSES WITHDRAWAL "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

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3. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO SIGN AT THIS STAGE THAT EVEN

SOFTER BRITISH VERSION CAN WIN ENOUGH BACKING. IF  
BRITISH MOVE STALLS, WE WILL BE CONFRONTED ANEW WITH  
FIVE-POWER DRAFT, DRAFTED MAINLY BY PERUVIAN SC PRES PEREZ  
DE CUELLAR. THIS VERSION REQUESTS IMMEDIATE FOREIGN  
MILITARY WITHDRAWAL FROM CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD, AND  
MENTIONS MAKARIOS BY NAME AS AUTHOR OF LETTER (JULY 2)  
WHICH EARLIER HAD DEMANDED WITHDRAWAL OF GREEK OFFICERS.  
THIS VERSION ALSO CRITICIZES "FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVEN-  
TION" BUT DOES NOT MENTION GREEK GOVT BY NAME.

4. AFTER LENGTHY CONSULTATIONS AND SECURITY COUNCIL  
MEETING, S OF 9:00 P.M. NYT, WE WOULD RECOMMEND.

A. WE SEEK TO PROMOTE BRITISH AMENDMENTS WITH  
OTHERS AND VOTE YES.

B. AS BACK-UP ALTERNATIVE, WE SEEK TO SOFTEN  
FIVE-POWER DRAFT, RECOGNIZING PROSPECTS ARE  
SLIM TO NON-EXISTENT. IF WE FAIL IN THIS  
EXERCISE, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD VOTE AFFIRMA-  
TIVELY, FOR PRESENT TEXT WHILE STATING OUR RESERVATIONS. EVEN USG  
ABSTENTION WOULD BE VIEWED BY OTHER MEMBERS  
AND PUBLIC OPINION AS REFLECTING POSSIBLE  
BACK-STAGE AMERICAN CONNIVANCE WITH GREEKS  
IN CYPRUS OPERATION AND PRESENTS SUPPORT OF SAMPSON REGIME.  
VETO WOULD, IN OUR VIEW, BE TANTAMOUNT TO CONFESSION WE AT  
MINIMUM ENCOURAGE GREEKS TO MOVE AGAINST MAKARIOS.

4. TOMORROW'S SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION DUE TO BEGIN AT  
11 A.M. POSSIBLE DELAY COULD BE WRINGLED OVER WHETHER  
NEWLY ARRIVED CYPRIOT DELEGATION REPRESENTING SAMPSON REGIME  
WILL BE HEARD. WE WOULD FAVOR THEIR SPEAKING UNDER ART 39,  
WHICH DOES NOT GIVE THEM OFFICIALRECOGNITION BUT EVEN THIS  
COULD BE ONLY BRIEF DELAYING TACTIC IF AGREED ON AND WOULD NOT,  
IN OUR VIEW, PREVENT VOTE TOMORROW. THEREFORE, IT IS VITAL WE  
HAVE FULL RANGE OF INSTRUCTIONS TOMORROW MORNING BEFORE 10 A.M.

5. UK'S PERM REP RICHARD HAS COOPERATED WITH US IN SEEKING  
TO STRETCH OUT SC CONSULTATION TO GIVE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY  
FOR UK/USG DICSUSSIONS OUTSIDE SC. WITHOUT STRENUOUS  
EFFORTS TO GAIN HIS SUPPORT, WE WOULD HAVE BEEN FACED WITH  
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VOTE YESTERDAY. BUT NOW TIME HAS RUN OUT.  
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